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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Cmr. George P. Bush announces more than \$10.6 million to improve flood, drainage, and sewer facilities in Aransas Pass**

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$10,696,302 in Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery funds to improve flood, drainage, and sewer facilities in Aransas Pass.

"Hurricane Harvey devastated communities across the Texas Coast," said Commissioner Bush. "These recovery funds are critical to improving local infrastructure that will protect lives, homes and businesses from future storms. We continue to work with our partners in communities across the region to leverage these resources efficiently and effectively to benefit Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey."

With these funds, Aransas Pass will be able to replace storm sewer culverts, regrade roadside ditches, install outfall ditches as well as install sewer lines and manholes to improve stormwater conveyance and reduce the impact of sewage contamination and backflow in emergency situations.

Flood and drainage improvements will take place at the following locations:

- ½ Highland Avenue - FM 1069 to .25 miles north and west of Avenue A
- ½ Deberry Avenue - North of 8th Street to Saunders Lane
- ½ Saunders Street - W. Deberry Avenue to W. Greenwood Avenue
- ½ Greenwood Avenue - S. Saunders Street to S. Commercial Street
- ½ Nelson Avenue – Between S. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets
- ½ Wilson Avenue - S. 10th Street to S. 8th Street
- ½ McCampbell Street - W. Pryor Avenue to E. Stapp Avenue
- ½ Stapp Avenue - N. McCampbell Street to N. Rife Street
- ½ Rife Street - E. Stapp Avenue to end of road
- ½ Near the end of Houston Street and intersection of W. Stapp Avenue
- ½ Johnson Avenue - S. Saunders Street to S. Commercial Street
- ½ 13<sup>th</sup> Street - W. Stoddard Avenue to W. Wilson Avenue

Sewer improvements will take place at:

½ Near Wehring Lane from W. Highland Avenue to approximately 500 ft. to the south

½ From S. Lamont Street to approximately 510 ft. south of S. Whitney Street

½ In the alley between N. Lamont Street and N. Whitney Street

#### Texas GLO Hurricane Harvey Recovery Funds:

Commissioner George P. Bush and the Texas General Land Office was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to lead the historic Hurricane Harvey housing recovery efforts funded by \$5.676 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The GLO allocated \$413 million of the allocation for infrastructure projects and \$275 million for local buyout and acquisitions to protect communities affected by the storm. The GLO allocated the funds to regional Council of Governments' (COGs) based on a HUD approved needs assessment. The locally-led COGs then conducted methods of distribution (MODs) for determining infrastructure and buyout and acquisition amounts for cities and counties within each jurisdiction. COG boards are comprised of officials from the impacted communities elected in part to prioritize funds allocated for recovery programs. The MOD process requires public engagement and the GLO reviewed each MOD for compliance with federal rules and requirements before approving each plan.

To review the approved MODs, please visit <https://recovery.texas.gov/action-plans/hurricane-harvey/index.html>.